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## 842nd Engineer Company holds Battle of the Blades

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**141004-A-XL372-001:** U.S. Army Spc. Allison Morrisette, left, and Sgt. Karen Berger, horizontal construction engineers with the South Dakota Army National Guard's 842nd Engineer Company carry away chains releasing a bulldozer during their training lane at the 2014 Battle of the Blades training exercise in Spearfish, S.D., Oct. 4, 2014. Each piece of equipment has a specific task and during the exercise operators must successfully complete that task within a designated time. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Patrick Wolfe/Released)



**141004-A-XL372-016:** U.S. Army Pvt. Jessica Kling, a horizontal construction engineer with the South Dakota Army National Guard's 842nd Engineer Company takes commands from her ground guide while backing up a dump truck during the 2014 Battle of the Blades training exercise in Spearfish, S.D., Oct. 4, 2014. The exercise helps Soldiers expand knowledge of military equipment while building teamwork and communications skills. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Patrick Wolfe/Released)



**141004-A-XL372-004:** U.S. Army Sgt. Karen Berger, a horizontal construction engineer in the South Dakota Army National Guard's 842nd Engineer Company measures the depth dug by a D7H bulldozer operator during the 2014 Battle of the Blades training exercise in Spearfish, S.D., Oct. 4, 2014. The exercise is an opportunity for Soldiers to practice their skills in a semi competitive environment that provides real world equipment training. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Patrick Wolfe/Released)



**141004-A-XL372-007:** U.S. Army Sgt. Anna Bingham of Rapid City, a horizontal construction engineer in the South Dakota Army National Guard's 842nd engineer Company guides a driver where to dump dirt during the 2014 Battle of the Blades training exercise in Spearfish, S.D., Oct. 4, 2014. The competition started in 1997 and training is modified every year to adapt to new equipment and evaluate new Soldiers' skills. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Patrick Wolfe/Released)



**141004-A-XL372-017:** U.S. Army Sgt. Kymberlee Hassebroek, a horizontal construction engineer in the South Dakota Army National Guard's 842nd Engineer Company reaches up to help Pvt. Jessica Kling learn the controls of the truck during the dump truck challenge at the 2014 Battle of the Blades training exercise in Spearfish, S.D., Oct. 4, 2014. The exercise helps develop a young leader's communications skills as they can only verbally instruct their operators during the challenge. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Patrick Wolfe/Released)

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